On September 5th, 1896 a number of the ladies of Enosburg met with Miss Minnie Jenne (Mrs L. L. Marsh) for the purpose of organizing a Village Improvement Society. Mrs James Jeffords was chosen Chairman of the meeting. A constitution was submitted and accepted and signed by twenty-three of those present. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Helen Tyler; 1st. Vice President, Miss Ila Hamilton; 2nd. Vice President, Mrs Elizabeth Hutchinson; Recording Secretary, Mrs Adah Tyler; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Elsie Greenwood; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Jenne.

This Society was organized principally to raise funds for beautifying the Village. Therefore one of the first plans upon which we began was a plot of land located in the center of our Village which was usually spoken of in its first days as the "Common." Upon this land was located a Baptist Church which the ladies wished very much to make some arrangement with the Baptist members to remove. This was our first attempt to establish a Park. It took considerable engineering by the Ladies to convince the Church Committee that removing the Church to a nearby lot would be a much better plan for all concerned. While this was under consideration the weather conditions were in favor with the L. V. I. S. and a terrible thunderstorm came and lightening struck the church and did considerable damage to the Church. This was to our advantage and this at once decided the Church Committee that they would take up with our offer. We purchased a lot just north of the old location, paid $1000 for same and gave them $325.00 toward moving the building. The Church still stands on this lot. We borrowed the money and paid cash down for the land and was to pay as we raised the same.

Our next move was to earn money for our debt and we started a subscription paper which was circulated around among our townspeople and within a few days we had raised $1,143.00. We had suppers during the Fall which brought in $85.00, also a three days Fair in our Opera House which brought us in $482.61. Now our debt was wiped out but we still had the Park to work over. During the Summer we expended for surveying, grading, labor, trees, flowers and shrubbery $1,090.00; walks and seats $349.00.
Our trees were paid for by each member in the Society paying 60 cents a tree. Each year the Society always had an eating tent at the County Fair which lasted three days. If there was ever any other available place such as a Block going up or a house being repaired the L. V. I. S. always had the right of way to put on dinners, suppers or any entertainment. Decoration Day was also a day we always held dinners and usually something in the evening for entertainment. When our Park was finished one of our townsmen presented us with a Fountain which was located in the center of Lincoln Park.

In the winter months we organized a Club connected with our Society and for entertainment we had local talent which was always well enjoyed. One winter we hired the Lotus Glee Club and the next season we had two well known speakers, Dr. Dwight Hillis and Dr. Russell H. Conwell who gave the most famous of his series of popular lectures "Acres of Diamonds."

We also have Maple Park which is located on Church Street. This was originally owned by Mr. Dan Harvey and was taken care of by the residents around the Park but this was finally taken over by the L. V. I. S. A house which was situated on this Park was moved onto another lot, considerable grading was done and planting of shrubbery and flowers, walks were laid and about $340.00 was expended.

A library was started here and one of the townsmen donated the use of a room in his block, also stated that if the Society would raise $700. he would give an equal sum.

When the new school house was built the Society furnished table and chairs for the Library and some of the fixtures for lighting. For several years milk for the children at school has been donated.

One of our Presidents, Mrs J. W. Jeffords, who held this office for several years, passed away in 1918 and a fund was raised for a drinking fountain for "Man, Bird and Beast" and dedicated to her memory and it now stands in front of Lincoln Park on Main Street. About three years ago it was thought best by the Society to put in new grading, shrubbery and flowers on Main Street Park, also new lights were put over the fountain which came to about $300. Our work has always consisted mostly of civic work more than of a literary character.

The membership of our Society from year to year averages about 70 members.